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Letter dated 7 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the pleasure to write to you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of October, to express the full support of the Non-Aligned Movement for the request presented by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, also known as the "Goldstone report".

The Non-Aligned Movement urges the Security Council to assume its responsibilities to consider and act on the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Mission to the Security Council regarding violations committed to international law and international humanitarian law.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter made available to the members of the Security Council and to have it distributed as a document of the Council, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

(*Signed*) Maged **Abdelaziz**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 6 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to this Permanent Mission's previous letters, circulated as documents A/61/571-S/2006/884, A/61/954-S/2007/354, A/62/705-S/2008/117, A/62/798-S/2008/240, S/2008/377, S/2008/599, S/2008/790 and S/2009/202, regarding the unlawful and insolent threats of resorting to force against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Israeli regime, I wish to inform you that the use of fabricated pretexts by various officials of the said regime to publicly threaten to resort to force against the Islamic Republic of Iran is continuing unabated in total defiance of international law and the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the provisions of the Charter that call for refraining "from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations".

In this regard, I would like to refer to a recent article that appeared in Times Online entitled "Israel names Russians helping Iran build nuclear bomb", dated 4 October 2009, quoting Ephraim Sneh, Former Deputy Defence Minister of the Zionist regime, who publicly threatened that time was running out for action to stop the programme. "If no crippling sanctions are introduced by Christmas, Israel will strike. If we are left alone, we will act alone."

As you are aware, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as a State party to the NPT and a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is currently in the negotiations process with the Group of 5+1 on the updated package recently proposed to the Group. The peaceful nuclear programmes of the Islamic Republic of Iran pose no threats to the Members of the United Nations and according to IAEA reports, there has never been any diversion in our peaceful nuclear activities. Based on the Safeguards Agreement, conducted between IAEA and our country, Iranian nuclear facilities are under regular international inspections and the monitoring of the Agency. The Islamic Republic of Iran firmly believes that the existence of nuclear arsenals and the Zionist regime's unsafeguarded nuclear facilities in the Middle East pose the most serious threats against the region as well as international peace and security, and nuclear disarmament is the highest priority for the international community. We strongly advocate a world free from nuclear weapons and, in this vein, the early establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East is quite an effective step towards this lofty goal.

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The Iranian authorities are of the view that such irresponsible assertions and threats, based on attack against the Islamic Republic of Iran, are quite inconsistent with the goals, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations. As we have stressed time and again, while the Islamic Republic of Iran has never threatened or has any intention to threaten other nations, nonetheless, and in response to any aggression, it will not hesitate to act in self-defence to protect itself and its people in accordance with its inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

These outrageous threats of resorting to criminal and terrorist acts against a sovereign country not only display the aggressive and warmongering nature of the Zionist regime but also constitute blatant violations of international law and the most fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and require a clear and resolute response on the part of the United Nations, particularly the Security Council. The Security Council should react to these vicious statements by unambiguously condemning them and calling on the said regime to cease and desist immediately from the threat of using force against Members of the United Nations.

I would appreciate your arranging to circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad **Khazaee**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative